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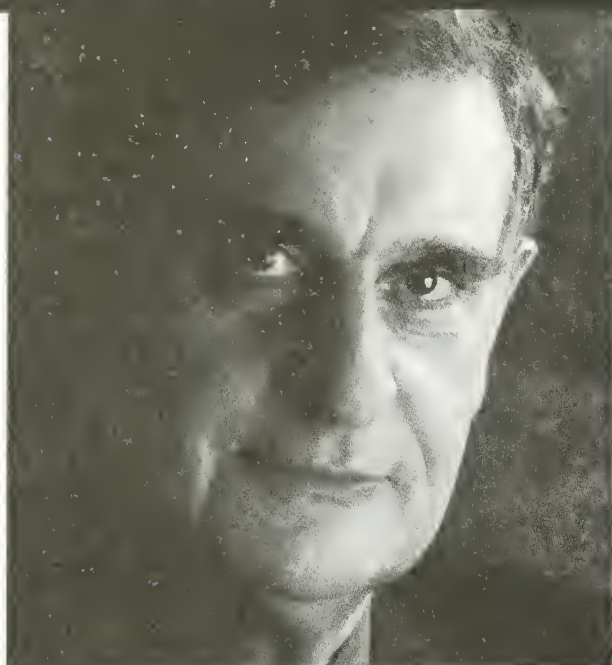
**"Give
your
heart
to
learning."**

Proverbs 23:12

Come to our Book Fair—Explore and Celebrate Books and Ideas

Live as *Am HaSafer*—the People of the Book

from our Senior Rabbi David H. Lincoln



Some years ago I was asked by "The Ethicist" in the New York Times Magazine section to write an answer to the problem of a car mechanic who made disparaging remarks about minorities, gays, etc. Should one continue to patronize his machine shop? My answer was as follows:

I suspect that even those of us who claim to have a strong sense of justice are sometimes hesitant to act to our own detriment.

My son-in-law, who is a native Spanish speaker, recently had the good fortune to find a taxi during a New York City rainstorm. The cab driver, not thinking that he might be Jewish, proceeded to make various slurs against the Jews in the city. My son-in-law kept quiet. The driving was bad enough already and he did not wish to further endanger his life. As far as the tip was concerned?...

Reflecting our particular dilemma I ask myself what would I do if my barber made anti-Semitic remarks. This, in fact, is unlikely since he is Israeli! I, naturally, would not return to his shop. Shouldn't I feel almost equally upset when other groups are maligned? Furthermore, if I still maintain a relationship with such a hateful person, surely, I would be condoning his behavior.

In many ways it is easy for me to be so high-minded living in a large metropolis for I have a wide choice of good mechanics. However good this particular one may be—I could go elsewhere.

Jewish law and tradition teaches that one should keep far from an evil person. Certainly, one can try to persuade such people of the errors of their ways. This, however, goes just so far. If after repeated attempts to reason with the other party, he fails to respond, then the

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advice I would give would be to look for another mechanic. Surely I should expect decency and ethical behavior from everyone with whom I do business, regardless of their job or profession.

Stained Glass Windows

The glow of the new stained glass windows in the Sanctuary enlightened our High Holy Day worship. These beautiful windows also offer the opportunity for memorial dedications: a meaningful way to show respect for the departed.

Contact Beryl Chernov for information.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday, November 3 • 12 Cheshvan

Light candles: 4:33 pm

6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service

7:00 pm *Minyan Ma'a lot*

Saturday, November 4 • 13 Cheshvan

Parashat Lech-Lecha

7:30 am *Hashkama* service

9:15 am Sanctuary service

9:30 am *Havurah* service

10:00 am *Nitzanim* service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

5:00 pm *Mincha*

Friday, November 10 • 19 Cheshvan

Light candles: 4:25 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening service

Saturday, November 11 • 20 Cheshvan

Parashat Vayera

7:30 am *Hashkama* service

9:15 am Sanctuary service

Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Toporek, daughter of Jill and Michael Toporek

10:00 am *Nitzanim* service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

5:00 pm *Mincha*

5:45 pm *Pajama Havdalah*

for pre-schoolers

Friday, November 17 • 26 Cheshvan

Light candles: 4:19 pm

Children's Birthday service

6:15 pm Friday Evening service

6:15 pm *Hay-Yav Kabbalat*

Shabbat Dinner

from our Chairman Amy A.B. Bressman



By the first week of November, our application seeking a Senior Rabbi for Park Avenue Synagogue will be filed with the Rabbinical Assembly. It will be accessible to all Conservative Rabbis throughout the world. This will formally initiate the twenty-one month process of finding a new Senior Rabbi for our synagogue.

To prepare the application and have it reflective of the views of the congre-

Members of the Board, the Advisory Council and the Arms Presidents were asked what they see as the strengths and weaknesses of Park Avenue Synagogue and to outline the greatest challenges we face over the next five years.

The responses from these sessions guided the Search Committee in completing the application and it is these responses that will form the rubric by which the candidates are evaluated.

It is my expectation that the Search Committee will see our first candidates during the winter of 2006-2007. With almost two years to find the right person for the job, the committee is positioned to serve the Synagogue well. They have the time to conscientiously and thoroughly search the world to find the right person for this important responsibility.

My gratitude goes to our Search Committee, chaired by Geoffrey Colvin, with members Joanne Davis, Roger Einiger, Rachael First, Steve Friedman and Brian Lustbader (with ex-officio members Menachem Rosensaft and myself) for the seriousness of purpose they have already shown for the task.

I will periodically use this column to update you on the process and at all times the committee welcomes your views.

The Search Committee... is positioned to serve the Synagogue well

gation, the Rabbinic Search Committee held a number of sessions in April and May and conducted a board level session in the Fall. In April and May, the entire congregation was invited to discuss those attributes that the Committee should prioritize in conducting the search. There were approximately 200 congregants who attended these sessions. Additionally, the questions discussed at these sessions were made available to the entire congregation. This elicited an additional 50-60 responses. These formal responses were augmented by a number of letters from congregants expressing their views.

In the fall, the Board meeting sessions focused on the institution.

Saturday, November 18 • 27 Cheshvan

Parashat Chayei Sara

7:30 am *Hashkama* service

9:15 am Sanctuary service

Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Klaperman, son of Renee and Joel Klaperman

9:30 am *Havurah* service

10:00 am *Nitzanim* service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

4:45 pm *Mincha*

Tuesday, November 21 • 30 Cheshvan

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Wednesday, November 22 • 1 Kislev

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Friday, November 24 • 3 Kislev

Light candles: 4:14 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening service

Saturday, November 25 • 4 Kislev

Parashat Toldot

7:30 am *Hashkama* service

9:15 am Sanctuary service to Welcome Home College Students

4:45 pm *Mincha*

Daily Minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am;

Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am

Mincha Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings



The Book Fair is coming...Read, Shop, Think, and Discuss at P.A.S.

November 7, 8 and 9 from 10:00 am-7:00 pm ~

Join us on the Lower Level for a fantastic selection of books for children and adults. We will have a special section of books recommended by our Clergy and staff that every Jewish household should have in their personal libraries. Come and see our wonderful selection of "New and Noteworthy" titles, Judaica from the Jewish Museum, stationery, jewelry and great gift items. Come and do your Chanukah shopping!

The Third Annual Great Synagogue Read-In

Thursday, November 9

This year's book is "The Year Mom Got Religion: One Midlife Journey into Judaism" by Lee Meyerhoff Hendler. Discussion groups will be moderated by Rabbi Ken Stern and Sarah Gribetz

9:15 am:

Morning coffee discussion group

12:00 pm:

Lunch'n'Learn discussion group

5:30 pm:

Discussion group for Congregational School parents and others.

Special event: Meet the Author

Monday, November 20 at 7:30 pm

Moonbeams, WEG and Congregational School Parent Association present...an evening with the author, Lee Meyerhoff Hendler. The book is available from the Family and Adult Education Office for \$15.00.

Contact AdultEd@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 ext. 140 or ext. 142 to purchase a copy.

Professor Jan Gross

Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm

Professor Jan Gross, author of the new book "Fear," about Polish anti-Semitism after World War II, focusing on the Kielce pogrom, will be our guest. The book has elicited a great deal of interest worldwide. The Consul General of Poland has agreed to come and discuss the book with Professor Gross. The book will be on sale at the Book Fair. Refreshments will be served.

Passionate Davening at P.A.S. Can Become Your Passion

Selma Weintraub

What's old is new and what's new is old. The introduction of the Passionate Davening service brought back to me many memories of my childhood days in the synagogue my parents belonged to in West New York, New Jersey. It always seemed to me that the young children were given high priority in the life of the synagogue—"daveners for the future"—where children's services were held every Shabbat. Music, singing and dancing were the order of the day. Of course, parents always brought their children and very often they stayed and took part in the children's service. Having my parents there and seeing them enjoying themselves must have strengthened my resolve to keep going to the

Shabbat service, as I never remember not wanting to go.

Now that I am on in years, the Passionate Davening service at P.A.S. was a wonderful and uplifting experience for me and helped activate and energize my synagogue experience of long ago. I do hope to participate again and I hope many members will treat themselves to the "PD at P.A.S.," so they, too, can become full of spirit.

Todah Rabbah to Rabbi David Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth Stern, Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson for being the catalysts in this new endeavor. And thanks to our own Men's Club, who have committed to this project with enthusiasm and financial support. The next "enhanced" Passionate Davening service will be on Friday, November 3 at 6:15 pm. Please join me in the davening.

Welcome Home College Students

Saturday, November 25 at 9:15 am

Park Avenue Synagogue will warmly welcome home our college students over Thanksgiving Weekend with a joyous Shabbat Service on Saturday, **November 25**, followed by a private luncheon for the students with the Rabbi. If you know of college students who will be home for the weekend, *please RSVP to Rabbi Lincoln's secretary, Liya, at 212-369-2600.*

Mitzvah Day

Endowed in loving memory of Vicki K. Wimpfheimer

Sunday, December 3, 2006

**Accepting Donations:
November 29 and 30, December 1**

The Park Avenue Synagogue Mitzvah Day encourages all of us to help create a better world with a variety of activities (See back page for more information.) We will be collecting goods to donate to charitable organizations as well as organizing the Parents' Association Flea Market. Please bring in men's, women's, and children's clothing, coats, and accessories. The Flea Market welcomes toys, sporting goods, cell phones, eyeglasses, costume jewelry, tchotchkes, and housewares. Please only bring in items that are in good condition. The food drive is also seeking canned and dry food. Donations will be accepted all day on Wednesday, November 29th; Thursday, November 30th and Friday December 1st and on Mitzvah Day until 3:00 pm.

Please contact: Julie Ruvkun at 212-737-7911, jg2065@Columbia.edu or Nancy Dolinsky at 212-988-2169, nancyd@nyc.rr.com.

Archives

The Synagogue has a vast and rich history that should be preserved. Toward that end, we have begun an Archives Project that involves the collection, organization and cataloguing of written materials, photographs and memorabilia of the Park Avenue Synagogue. We will use the Archives to enhance our 125th year celebration. We are creating a synagogue timeline and special exhibits using the memorabilia from our Archives. We would greatly appreciate the donation or loan of any documents, photographs or artifacts that you or your family might possess. Also, within the departments of the Synagogue, we plan to create a system for the collection of items for many years to come. The greater the participation of congregants, the greater the Archives will be!

Contact Laurie Harris, 212-570-9628 or mlharris@aol.com, or Marcia Stone, 212-570-6239, or mstone8072@aol.com.

Men's Club

Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm

Men's Club Book Fair Event.

Sisterhood

**Bring Back Fond Memories
at the Yiddish Club**

Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 pm

The Yiddish Club will meet in the Rothschild Library to continue our mix of Yiddish conversation, poetry, and stories. Coffee and cake will be served. Even if your Yiddish is very rusty, don't hesitate to come. This club is open to all members of P.A.S.



P.A.S. Israel Committee

The mission of the Israel Committee is to educate all segments of our community—from our youngest students to our most mature congregants; to boost our collective sense of connection to the historic land (*Eretz Yisrael*) and to the modern State of Israel, and to express, in balanced and appropriate ways, our communal support of Israel. The Israel Committee serves the P.A.S. community by providing programming, awareness and a unified commitment of purpose in support of the State of Israel.

For more information

*please call the co-chairs,
Doree Greenberg, at 212-628-6181; or
Kathy Grunfeld at 212-580-9153.*

During the current difficult situation in the Mideast, as we try to support our brethren in Israel, we will keep the congregation informed and involved through the immediacy of e-mails and on our website at www.pasyn.org.

Arms' Programs and Events

Sisterhood—November activities continued

An Inspiring Film about Jewish Athletes in the 1930s

Tuesday, November 28 at 12:30 pm

Free of Charge

Join Sisterhood for a light lunch and a showing of "Watermarks: The Jewish Swimming Champions who Defied Hitler." Rabbi Dawn Rose will introduce this award-winning film and lead a discussion of it afterwards. "Watermarks" tells the story of the legendary *Hakoah* sports club of Vienna and its highly successful female swimming team of the 1930s. This film follows the tale of these women as they escape from Austria after the Anschluss, make new lives for themselves in the United States, Britain, and Israel, and eventually hold a reunion in Vienna. Throughout the film, the women discuss their feelings about their experiences in Austria and their new countries. Don't miss this wonderful film! All members of P.A.S. are invited.



Tikkun Olam Committee

Even One Hour of Service Can Make a Difference

Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 pm

Come join us for our exciting new programming; Come and be involved in this year's Mitzvah Day; Come help us identify needs in our community that should be addressed; Come bring your ideas; Come and be part of the solution in this stressful world; JUST COME!

Contact Co-Chairs:

*Lite Sabin: sabinmail@aol.com and
Marlene Muskin: idts52@aol.com or
212-427-8778.*

WEG—Chanukah Party

Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm \$ 6

First annual Jewish Comedy Hour Chanukah Party

Women's Evening Group invites you to our first annual Jewish Comedy Hour. Featured will be professional, semi-professional and "surprise" entertainers of the highest caliber. Latkes, of course, will be served; also old fashioned Jewish treats to nosh.

Please save a place for yourself and your friends by making a reservation before December 8, either by e-mail to phd1pb@aol.com or telephone 212-348-4868. Sally Goodgold and Paula Bernstein, Co-presidents Women's Evening Group.

Young Couples Group Wine Tasting

Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm

Jewish Theological Seminary

The Jewish Theological Seminary is an extraordinarily rich resource for all of us. Their theme for this year is compelling: "Think-Engage-Listen-Learn." A fascinating series of programs is planned for fall, dealing with medicine, ethics, and same-sex marriage.

You can get details and register at www.jtsa.edu, (go to Public Events), or call 212-280-6093.

In addition, the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary's priceless and unique holdings is now available to each of us at home. You can access these materials whenever you wish by logging on the Library's new website www.jtslibrarytreasures.org.

Maze Tov

Ellen Alt, our Artist-in-Residence, exhibited two artworks at the International Assemblage Artists Exhibition at Gallery 24, Berlin, Germany. The exhibition took place from September 28 to October 19. You can get a view of her work by going to her website: www.ellenalt.com.

Dorothy Denberg, long-time Park Avenue Synagogue member and former trustee, has been selected to win a WESTY award. At a ceremony in October, "West Side Spirit," a weekly newspaper, honored several distinguished people for notable civic service. As Dean of Barnard College, Dorothy Denberg relates to three constituencies: her students, her college, and the community. She has worked toward increasing the involvement of the college with the community, and has helped to bring local students to the prestigious women's college.

Dr. Richard S. Muchnick

has been awarded the John Milton McLean Medal for 2006 by Weill Medical College of Cornell University for "outstanding teaching and clinical contributions to ophthalmology." He is a highly respected ophthalmologist in private practice and a Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus at New York Weill Cornell Medical Center.

November B'Nai Mitzvah



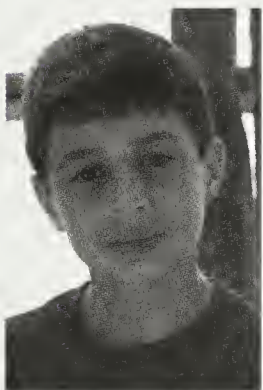
Amanda Toporek November 11, 2006

Amanda Toporek attends The Spence School in Manhattan and has started seventh grade. Amanda has attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Hebrew School since kindergarten. She has always enjoyed the program and has made her commitment to religious study and Hebrew a priority with grace and pleasure.

In addition to her studies, Amanda volunteers at the 92nd Street Y where she helps children with after-school activities. As part of her Bat Mitzvah work with the UJA Mitzvah program, she has elected to allocate a significant portion of her Bat Mitzvah gifts to purchase and donate advanced hydraulic wheelchairs to children at the Blythedale Children's Hospital.

Amanda is a wonderful big sister to her younger siblings, Eden and Alex. She puts her big heart into everything she does so well.

We are all so proud of Amanda and the special woman she is becoming. We thank all the family, friends and teachers who have contributed to her development.



Harrison Klaperman November 18, 2006

Harrison, an eighth grader at Park East Day School with strong ties to Jewish studies and culture, personifies the term *menschlichkeit*: he is warm, empathic, polite, well spoken, and honest, the first to hold open a door or offer a seat. He loves sailing, water skiing, snow skiing, reading, computer programming and playing piano.

While Harrison excels in a broad range of subjects, math is his area of particular expertise. In 2005 and 2006, he won First Place in the respective Sixth and Seventh Grade New York Mathematics League Championships.

This past summer, Harrison divided his time between MathPath, a residential academic math camp for gifted students held at the University of California at Santa Cruz and OmniCamp, a co-ed sleep-away camp located in Poland, Maine. He is contemplating a career in molecular biology or finance.

May he continue to make us proud!

Thank you to the following high school and college students who read Torah on the second day of Rosh Hashanah:

Daniel Bernstein, Andrew Colvin, Daniel Friedman, Suzanne Gold, Alexandra Mitchell, Gabrielle Nagler, Josh Parker, Melissa Rutman, Stephen Rutman, Carolyn Ruvkun, Elana Seplow and Molly Silberberg.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

**Mr. Joseph Ainsberg
Mr. and Mrs. David Anton
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Beil
Mr. Thomas Brock and
Ms. Susan Brownstone
Mr. and Ms. David Chasen
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Cherwin
Ms. Sharon Dolch
Mrs. Anne Easton
Mrs. Elizabeth Feiner
Mr. Kevin Fingeret and
Ms. Dana Levine
Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Kornstein
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lerman
Mr. and Mrs. Murray Mruvka
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Neuhaus
Ms. Tina Newman
Ms. Gail Silberman
Dr. and Mrs. Allen Spiegel
Dr. Claire Steinberger
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sussman
Mrs. Jessica von Mueffling
Mr. Peter Weisman and
Dr. Tamara Weisman
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wiseman
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Zakarin**

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

~ Martin Axman, *on the passing of his wife, Myrna Axman*
~ Claudia Dessler and Derek C. Dessler, *on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Patricia Offman*
~ Elizabeth A. Kurnetz *on the death of her mother, Bernice Sachs*
~ Rachel O. Lustbader *on the loss of her father, Dr. Mortimer Ostow*
~ Mary Sue Zitwer Millman, *on the loss of her mother Edith F. Zitwer*
~ Arline Buxbaum Tarte *on the loss of her mother, Reba Buxbaum*

Jewish Life and Learning



The P.A.S. Gallery Exhibitions

October 27-December 10
Shabbat at Home

This exhibition features Shabbat ritual objects belonging to the congregants of P.A.S. Featured objects include those with an interesting family history, art and design or significant place of origin. View new and old objects that enable our community to celebrate Shabbat at home.



Guest Speaker Rabbi Shlomo Riskin "The Power of Prayer and Practice"

Date and time TBD

Sponsored by the P.A.S. Israel Committee

Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin is the Chief Rabbi, Efrat, Israel and Founder and Dean of Ohr Torah Stone Colleges and Graduate Programs. Born in Brooklyn and a graduate of Yeshiva University, he was ordained by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. A respected teacher and writer, Rabbi Riskin was the founding rabbi of the Lincoln Square Synagogue in Manhattan which became the focal

point for a return to Orthodoxy on the part of many young intellectuals and aspiring professionals, and its rabbi became a major spokesperson for Modern Orthodoxy by pioneering the first Advanced Talmud Study Program for women, as well as the first Synagogue service conducted for women by women, in 1971.

In 1983, at the peak of his professional career in America, Rabbi Riskin left New York with his family to become the rabbi of the City of Efrat, a burgeoning settlement in Gush Etzion seven miles south of Jerusalem, which since 1976 he, together with Moshe Moshkowitz, had been working on establishing. Efrat now numbers close to 8,000 residents, and is considered to be the central city of the Etzion Bloc. The decision was difficult; Rabbi Riskin loved his New York lifestyle and had professional gratification. However, he strongly believed that Israel was the place for Jews, and that especially in the post-Holocaust era, the Jewish future lay in Israel. In light of today's difficult circumstances, Rabbi Riskin's beliefs have only been reinforced.



Perpetual Jewish Film Festival

Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm

The Perpetual Jewish Film Festival offers free viewings of Jewish movies of note from around the world. This year the series will open on November 30 with the extraordinary, heart-rending "Left Luggage," starring Isabella Rossellini and Topol. This moving film is set in post-Holocaust Antwerp, where a man furtively digs holes in search of something he buried long ago, and a

Hasidic mother (Rossellini) struggles to raise her specially-abled son in a world still hostile to Jews. Superb acting—not to be missed!

Mark your calendar for

December 14 "The Dibbuk"

(an uncanny Yiddish Classic!)

January 11 "Ship of Fools"

(a stunning indictment of pre-Holocaust society)

February 8 "Walk on Water"

(a haunting Israeli film of redemption and revenge)

April 19, May 10—details to follow.

Don't miss a single one! All are free. All are fabulous!

Edmond De Rothschild Library

Rabbi Dawn Rose, Library Director

November is an exciting month for the Rothschild as we kick off two great programs for the year.

Interpreting Torah with Rabbi Rose

**Beginning Thursday, November 2
7:00 pm**

Following the weekly *Parasha*, together we will explore, learn, discuss, argue, and apply Torah to our lives and even the world. This class will meet twice monthly on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Perpetual Jewish Film Festival

Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm

See page 8 for details.

Classes are \$35 for P.A.S. members and \$50 for non-members per semester, unless otherwise noted. Register at AdultEd@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 ext. 140.

Learn Hebrew on Mondays

**November 13, 20, 27,
December 4 & 11**

Prayer Book Hebrew for Advanced Beginners

6:30-7:30 pm
Sarah Gribetz, instructor

Conversational Hebrew for Advanced Beginners

6:30-7:30 pm
Andi Meiseles, instructor

Intermediate Modern Hebrew

7:30-9:00 pm
Varda Hubara, instructor

November Birthday Celebration

Friday, November 17 at 6:15 pm

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at Park Avenue Synagogue. All children with November birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored at our November Birthday Celebration Service. Come as a family and celebrate.

Contact *Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.*

Everything You Wanted to Know About Judaism, But Were Afraid to Ask

**Ongoing Wednesdays
10:30 am-12:00 pm**
Sarah Gribetz, instructor
Free of Charge

Lunch 'n' Learn

**Ongoing Thursdays
(except Thanksgiving, November 23)
11:00 am-1:00 pm**
Free of Charge

Led by members of the Clergy and Education Department. Meet others and share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

P.A.S Is Just a Echatzl* Away

Park Avenue Synagogue's website, **www.pasyn.org** has the latest news, events, and times for any synagogue-related activity. And it also has lots of information about classes, programs, events, people, organizations, and meetings. Sign up for e-mail notifications! Communicate with our clergy and staff!

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News from Our Schools

From Learning to Practice

Ron Koas, Education Director

This past summer I continued my participation in the JTS-HUC Leadership Institute for Congregational School Principals. Together with educators from throughout the metropolitan area, I studied, discussed, and analyzed, and as a result I gained a great deal. I plan on applying so much of what I learned at the Institute in the coming school year. In fact, I already have. And as I write this, school hasn't even started yet!

My two-day teacher orientation program was greatly influenced by my Leadership Institute experience. Each time a day of learning at the LI began with a *niggun* (melody without words), I was reminded of how much I love to sing. After the *niggun* everyone in the room seemed happier. I thought, "That's how I would like to start my Shabbat services or teacher orientation." And so I did. The *niggun* created a special mood in our faculty meeting. It helped everyone relax, connect with each other, and start the day with a spiritual feeling.

All of the participants in the Leadership Institute have come to feel like one big family. "That's how I want my school to be," I thought. "A big family, a place that both students and teachers will see as a second home." I learned at the LI that I can change the typical and overused ice-breaker activity of going around in a circle and having everyone introduce themselves with their name, congregation, and professional experience. Instead, I can encourage each person to share a little about him/herself on a personal level. People can share about a hobby, an interest, or anything they wish ("I am training for the marathon," "I have eight children," "I write poetry,") and the result is a warmer, more trusting atmosphere, I tried this at my orientation and it did, indeed, make a difference. A teacher

may discover that he/she shares a hobby or interest with another teacher, for example, and friendships are formed. Sharing personal information also just "loosens up" everyone, reminding them that they are not just work colleagues, but real people with real lives outside of school.

One speaker at the summer institute was from "Baba Ganews" magazine. Although this wonderful publication was distributed to the students at our school, it was rarely discussed in class. After listening to the speaker, I realized that by merely sending home the magazine, we were not getting the most out of it pedagogically. I decided to invite this same speaker to address our faculty. She explained to my teachers how they can use "Baba Ganews" in the classroom as an educational tool.

I initiated a discussion with my faculty based on one I took part in during the summer seminar on challenges to liberal Jewish identity. I related to the teachers the story of a young man in college spending his first Shabbat there with another Jewish friend. He felt lost during hand washing, *Kiddush*, and *birchat hamitzon*. I posed questions to the teachers: what challenges does the young man face as he experiences this Shabbat evening experience? How might he then feel about his own authenticity as he goes through this experience? How should Hebrew School education have prepared him for this? And are we doing our job the best that we can? I was pleasantly surprised to see that almost everyone from our faculty of 30 teachers participated in the discussion. They gave me so much to think about on how to enhance our curriculum to better suit our students so that they will have stronger Hebrew skills, more Judaic knowledge, and heighten Jewish identity.

Inspired by a session we had this summer on staff development, I decided

to work with my teachers on our second day of orientation on defining a vision. I shared my vision with my teachers and invited them to ask themselves the following questions: What difference am I trying to make personally? What is one new strategy I will implement this year? What is my vision as a teacher? How can I make a difference in the life of a child? What is one incident that best exemplifies my vision as a teacher? I can't tell you how active all the teachers were during this session.

During the Leadership Institute, all of the participants shared with each other much of their own experiences in Jewish education. We had an opportunity to learn from each other. This made me realize how we don't always take full advantage of the resources that are available to us. I decided to invite a representative from MATAN, the organization for Jewish special-needs children, to come address the teachers. Our school has special-needs classes with trained teachers, yet I felt the regular faculty should also learn more about children with special needs.

The Leadership Institute gave me the confidence to initiate new programs in my congregational school, as well. We are introducing a new bar/bat mitzvah program for *Kitah Vav* students, which will include a great deal of family involvement. I am also planning on making changes to make our Shabbat services more creative and participatory, so that the children will get the most out of them.

In short, my two-day teacher orientation was a wonderful experience, and I believe the teachers got a great deal out of it. I know deep in my heart that the workshops, discussions, and planning sessions would not have been so successful without my participation in the Leadership Institute Seminar.

Thanksgiving Blessings

Lisa Samick, Director of High School and Youth Programs

As we approach the annual Food Pantry Thanksgiving distribution (this year on Wednesday, November 22nd), I want to relate a story from last year's program.

Imagine if you can, hundreds of people gathered outside the gates of the synagogue. Some of them had been lined up since early that morning. Our High School students (about 25 of them) were ready—and they worked tirelessly for the next several hours, handing out turkeys, bags of food and smiles. They wished each and every client a good holiday—in English and in Spanish, and they made sure that all of their families had plenty to eat.

As the last client left, we looked in disbelief at the food still waiting in the hallway. They had handed out almost 500 turkeys and bags of food, but some people who had made

reservations hadn't come for their packages. And these students, exhausted and spent, sprang back into action. We called every food pantry and hot meal program we could find and when finally, we were able to find an organization still open after 6:00 pm the day before Thanksgiving, our students stayed to load the van and make sure that all the food was handed out.

Many of us look forward to Thanksgiving as a great long weekend, a good opportunity to get out of town—to ski, to visit family, to travel and we know that we all have so much to be thankful for. But to be here for this truly amazing afternoon—to see the faces of our students—current and alum, as much as of our clients, is a Thanksgiving blessing like no other.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the distribution or the packing day, to help prepare the bags on Sunday, November 19th, please contact Lisa Samick at 212-369-2600 ext.141.

Children's and School Programs :NOVEMBER 2006

Wednesday, November 1

4:30 pm CS Zayin T'fillin Workshop

Saturday, November 4

Parashat Lech-Lecha

9:30 am Havurah service

10:00 am Nitzanim service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

Monday, November 6

Book Fair Opening

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day

10:00 am-7:00 pm **Book Fair**

No Congregational School

ECC Parent Conferences

Wednesday, November 8

10:00 am-7:00 pm **Book Fair**

Thursday, November 9

Kristallnacht Remembrance

10:00 am-7:00 pm **Book Fair**

Saturday, November 11

Parashat Vayera

Veterans Day

10:00 am Nitzanim service

5:45 pm Pajama Havdalah
for pre-schoolers

10:15 am Junior Congregation

Sunday, November 12

9:45 am CS Zayin Parents & Students
Service & Brunch Minyan

Kadima and Ruach group event

Rosh Chodesh: it's a girl thing!

Friday, November 17

Children's Birthday service

6:15 pm Friday Evening service

6:15 pm Hay-Yav Kabbalat
Shabbat Dinner

High School Dinner with
Rabbi and Mrs. Lincoln

Saturday, November 18

Parashat Chayei Sara

9:30 am Havurah service

10:00 am Nitzanim service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

Wednesday, Thursday 22

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

No Congregational School

No Toddler Classes

Nursery School Noon Dismissal

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Distribution

Tuesday, November 28

CS Vav Museum Trip

Wednesday, November 29

CS Hay Museum Trip

Pajama Havdalah

Saturday, November 11 at 5:45-6:30 pm

A Havdalah service for pre-school aged children.

Celebrating a Simcha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

Contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue for more information, 212-369-2600.

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

*In Loving Memory of
Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell*

Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention? The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to those valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at 212-369-2600 ext. 120.

Bible Fund

Ronnie and David Parker, *in honor of David's birthday.*
Drs. Renee, Roger & Ellen Waldinger, *in loving memory of Dr. Hermann V. Waldinger.*

Bikur Cholim

Mr. & Mrs. David Revasch, *in honor of their anniversary.*

High School Food Pantry

The Bass Family, *in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jon Ecker.*
Congregational School Parents' Association, *in memory of Gerson Kaiserman, father of Rosanne Lander.*
Congregational School Parents' Association, *in memory of Dr. Robert B. Fruchtman, father of Michael Fruchtman.*
Eleanore & Harold Geringer, *in memory of Gerson Kaiserman, beloved father of Rosanne Lander.*
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz.
Sylvan & Joan Scheffler, *in memory of Leo Applebaum, father of Lori Schreiber.*
Mr. Henry Vogelstein, *in memory of his beloved brother, Charles Vogelstein.*

Krumholz Memorial Fund

Rosalind Sackoff, *to honor the Yahrzeits of Elroy and Terry Krumholz.*

Library Fund

The Comite Family, *in memory of Gerson Kaiserman, father of Rosanne Lander.*

Albert and Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Doris & Henry Murad, *in loving memory of Daisy Nissan.*

Nursery School Fund

Joanne & Morton Davis, *in honor of Jonas Isaiah Davis' birthday, September 09, 2006.*

Prayer Book Fund

Joanne & Morton Davis, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Harriet & Herb Feiweil, *in memory of Jack Scheinfeld.*
Harriet & Herb Feiweil, *in memory of David Levitt.*
Terry & Franklin Mark & Family, *in loving memory of Gershon Kaiserman, father of Rosanne Lander.*
Mr. Sydney B. Silberman, *in loving memory and in honor of his wife, Rosalind Grossman Silberman.*
Debbie & Richard Yoken, *in memory of Gerson Kaiserman, father of Roseanne Lander.*

Religious School Fund

Mr. Julius Paige, *in honor of his birthday.*

Welfare Fund

Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, *in memory of her beloved brother, Leonard Prashker.*
Mrs. Patricia Fuchs.
Mr. & Mrs. David Parks, *in memory of Fred H. Hill.*
Susan & Lionel Uzzan, *in honor of their son Liam's Brit Milah.*

Synagogue Offerings

Mr. Allen Adamson, *in memory of his beloved wife, Ruth Adamson.*
Mrs. Deanna Adler, *in memory of her beloved father, Max Zeitlin.*
Mrs. Deanna Adler, *in memory of her beloved mother, Pauline Zeitlin.*
Mr. Harris Amster, *in honor of his birthday.*
Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, *in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Rose Bachman.*
Mrs. Dale Berger, *in memory of her beloved father, Alfred Koslow.*
Mr. Daniel Bernstein, *in memory of his beloved father, Arthur Harold Bernstein.*
Mrs. Ernestine Bernstein, *in memory of her beloved husband, Arthur Harold Bernstein.*
Mrs. Constance Breslin, *in memory of her beloved mother, Carol Lane.*
Mrs. Katherine Chavkin, *in memory of her beloved mother, Janet Showe.*
Ms. Carol Cohen, *in memory of her beloved mother, Evelyn Herman.*
Dr. Alice Cohn, *in memory of her beloved mother, Pearl Grunfeld.*
Mr. David Cook.
Mr. & Mrs. David Cook.
Mrs. Jacqueline Dack, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. Kenneth Ellis, *in memory of his beloved sister, Eva Mandel.*
Mr. Kenneth Ellis, *in memory of his beloved wife, Phyllis Ellis.*
Dorothy & Murray Feiss, Andrea & Robert Greene & June & Ron Hersh, *in memory of Gerson Kaiserman, father of Roseanne Lander and father-in-law of Guy Lander.*
Mr. William Felder, *in memory of his beloved father, Edward Felder.*
Mrs. Ethel Feuer, *in memory of her beloved father, Frank Rubinstein.*
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Fraier, *in memory of their beloved son, Adam Fraier.*
Mr. Edgar Freitag, *in memory of his beloved mother, Peggy Freitag.*
Mrs. Eugene Fromer, *in memory of her beloved brother, Leonard Bergman.*
Mrs. Eleanor Frommer, *in honor of her birthday.*
Dr. Iona Ginsburg, *in memory of her beloved father, Abraham Eugene Horowitz.*
Dr. Andrew Goldberg, *in memory of his beloved father, Anshel Goldberg.*
Dr. James Goldman, *in memory of his beloved mother, Katherine Goldman.*
Mr. Ernest Gottschalk, *in memory of his beloved mother and father, Ida & Emil Gottschalk.*
Mrs. Helen Judlowe, *in memory of her beloved mother, Evelyn Lautenberg.*
Dr. Neal Kaplan, *in honor of his birthday.*
Dr. Samuel Katz, *in honor of his birthday.*
Courtney & Vanessa Kramer, *in honor of Rabbi Kenneth Stern, in gratitude for all his assistance.*

Ms. Donna Kramer, *in memory of her beloved mother, Selma Wind Stricof.*
Mrs. Joan Leiman, *in memory of her beloved father, John Maisel.*
Mrs. Joan Levine Levenson, *in honor of her father's Yahrzeit, Nathan Levine.*
Mr. David Levitan, *in memory of his beloved father, Shlomo Yehuda Levitan.*
Ms. Marian Levitt, *in honor of her Aliyah.*
Mrs. Miriam London, *in memory of her beloved husband, Burton L. London.*
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lonner, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mr. Steven Mandelsberg, *in memory of his beloved father, Benjamin Mandelsberg.*
Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Markman, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mrs. Felice Muchnick, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. Stanley Nasberg, *in memory of his beloved father, Abram David Nasberg.*
Mr. Morris Orden, *in memory of his beloved grandfather, Morris King.*
Mr. Morris Orden, *in memory of his beloved wife, Patricia Orden.*
Ms. Susan Orenbuch, *in memory of her beloved father, Berek Orenbuch.*
Dr. Morris M. Podolsky, *in memory of his beloved father, Dr. Harold M. Podolsky.*
Mrs. Myra Pollack, *in memory of her beloved father, Daniel Kohn.*
Mrs. Anne Rosberger, *in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Henry Rosberger.*
Mrs. Joan Rosen, *in memory of her beloved sister, Barbara Applebaum.*
Mrs. Sandra Rosen, *in memory of her beloved mother, Gussie Ratzkin.*
Dr. & Mrs. Seligman Rosenberg, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mr. Sheldon S. Sachs, *in memory of my dear sister, Betty Sachs.*
Mrs. Rita Shapiro, *in memory of her beloved husband, George M. Shapiro.*
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Shaw, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mrs. Florence Solomon, *in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Nathan A. Solomon.*
Ms. Irene Sommerfeld, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mrs. Vivian Storper, *in memory of her beloved father, Joshua Schwartz.*
Mr. Michael Taubin, *in memory of his beloved father, Skee Taubin.*
Dr. Helene Torker, *in memory of her beloved father, Morris J. Goldberg.*
Mrs. Denise Totah, *in memory of her beloved husband, Raphael Totah.*
Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, *in honor of her High Holy Day honor.*
Ms. Meryl Wiener, *in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Wiener.*
Mr. Frank Wolf, *in memory of his beloved mother, Helen Wolf.*

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Dr. Katherina Grunfeld *in memory of her beloved mother, Gisela Kroo.*
Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kaminski.

Tikkun Olam "Something from Home"

Do you know a soldier far from home in need of a care package? Give us his or her name and APO and Tikkun Olam will send them "Something from Home."

Contact our Co-Chairs to give us your soldier's name and address or to volunteer: Erica Choset: ericachoset@gmail.com, Marlene Muskin: ids52@aol.com 212-427-8778

Participate in our 125th Anniversary Celebration

With your photographs, memorabilia, stories, documents, and memories.

Contact Laurie Harris, 212-570-9628 or mlharris@aol.com; or Marcia Stone, 212-570-6239, or mstone8072@aol.com.

Calling All P.A.S. Authors

Have you written a book this year? Is one being published before November, 2006? If so, we would like to showcase it at our annual Synagogue Book Fair, November 6-9.

Please contact Rachael First, 212-794-6555, rs1st@aol.com, or Susan Edelstein, 212-517-6217, sam711@earthlink.net.



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A special issue of "*Rayonot: A Journal of Ideas*" in celebration of Park Avenue Synagogue's 125th anniversary is being prepared. The editors are seeking articles and personal reminiscences about the history and congregational life at P.A.S.

For more information, kindly contact Joan Scheffler at 212-734-0444 or Jean Rosensaft at 212-988-5991.

Join American Jewish World Service and the Park Avenue Synagogue in El Salvador from March 25, 2007-April 1, 2007



Join other Park Avenue Synagogue teens to experience:

- 📖 **Service:** working in a community development project;
- 📖 **Study:** learning about social justice within a Jewish framework;
- 📖 **Cross-cultural exchange:** living, working and playing in El Salvador

We are now accepting applications for students in grades 10-12

For more information: call Lisa Samick at 212-369-2600, ext.141

Calendar of Events November 2006

Daily Minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am; **Mincha** Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm

Wednesday, November 1

10:30 am Judaism Class
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*
4:30 pm CS *Zayin T'*fillin Workshop

Thursday, November 2

11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn
7:00 Interpreting Torah/Rabbi Rose

Friday, November 3

Light candles: 4:33pm
6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service
7:00 pm *Minyan Ma'a lot*

Saturday, November 4

Parashat Lech-Lecha
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service
9:30 am *Havurah* service
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
10:15 am Junior Congregation
5:00 pm *Mincha*

Monday, November 6

7:00 pm New Members Reception

Book Fair Opening

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day

No Congregational School
10:00 am-7:00 pm **Book Fair**
ECC Parent Conferences
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
7:00 pm Author Event - Prof. Jan Gross

Wednesday, November 8

10:00 am-7:00 pm **Book Fair**
10:30 am Judaism Class
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*
7:00 pm Men's Club Book Fair Event

Thursday, November 9

Kristallnacht Remembrance
3rd Annual Great Synagogue Read-In
9:15 am Read-in Morning Book Discussion
10:00 am-7:00 pm **Book Fair**
12:00 pm Lunch'n'Learn Read-in
Book Discussion
5:30 Read-in Book Discussion/CS Parents and others
6:30 pm *Tikkun Olam* Committee Meeting

Friday, November 10

Light candles: 4:25pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening service

Saturday, November 11

Parashat Vayera

Veterans Day

7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Toporek, daughter of Jill and Michael Toporek
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
10:15 am Junior Congregation
5:00 pm *Mincha*
5:45 pm Pajama *Havdalah* for pre-schoolers

Sunday, November 12

9:45 am CS *Zayin* Parents & Students Service & Brunch Minyan
Kadima and *Ruach* group event
Rosh Chodesh: it's a girl thing!

Monday, November 13

6:30 pm Conv. Hebrew \$ ☺
6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew \$ ☺
7:15 pm WEG Board Meeting
7:30 pm Interm. Mod. Hebrew \$ ☺
8:00 pm Evening Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
1:00 pm Sisterhood Yiddish Club
6:15 pm Men's Club Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

10:30 am Judaism Class
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*

Thursday, November 16

11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn
7:00 pm Interpreting Torah/Rabbi Rose

Friday, November 17

Light candles : 4:19pm
Children's Birthday Service
6:15 pm Friday Evening service
6:15 pm *Hay-Vav Kabbalat Shabbat* Dinner
High School Dinner w/Rabbi and Mrs. Lincoln

Saturday, November 18

Parashat Chayei Sara
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service
Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Klaperman, son of Renee and Joel Klaperman
9:30 am *Havurah* service
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
10:15 am Junior Congregation
4:45 pm *Mincha*

Monday, November 20

6:30 pm Conv. Hebrew \$ ☺
6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew \$ ☺
7:30 pm Interm. Mod. Hebrew \$ ☺
7:30 pm Moonbeams Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

No Congregational School
No Toddler Classes
Nursery School Noon Dismissal
Food Pantry Thanksgiving Distribution
10:30 am Judaism Class
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving

Offices Closed

Friday, November 24

Light candles : 4:14 pm
Offices Closed
6:15 pm Friday Evening service

Saturday, November 25

Parashat Toldot
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service to
Welcome Home College Students
4:45 pm *Mincha*

Monday, November 27

6:30 pm Conv. Hebrew \$ ☺
6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew \$ ☺
7:30 pm Interm Mod. Hebrew \$ ☺

Tuesday, November 28

CS Vav Museum Trip
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
12:30 pm Sisterhood film program

Wednesday, November 29

CS Hay Museum Trip
8:00 am-6:00 pm Mitzvah Day Items Accepted
10:30 am Judaism Class
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*
7:00 pm YCG Wine Tasting

Thursday, November 30

8:00 am-6:00 pm Mitzvah Day Items Accepted
11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn
7:00 pm Film Series "Left Luggage"

Information and details are subject to change. Confirm at pasyn.org or with the office.

See pages 2-3 for Religious Services schedule. See page 11 for Children's and School Programs schedule.

A Look Ahead

Mitzvah Day

Endowed by the children of Vicki K. Wimpfheimer

Sunday, December 3, 2006

Join the Park Avenue Synagogue community in celebrating Mitzvah Day. Bring your family and friends to perform good deeds to benefit those in need.

There will be something for everybody. As in the past we will be collecting

goods to donate to charitable organizations as well as organizing the Parents' Association Flea Market. We will also sponsor our annual blood drive and of course, bake fresh cookies for donors. As always, there will be lots of fun activities for all ages, 1 to 100: insightful discussions with our Clergy, off-site visits, arts and crafts, food collection, and numerous programs appearing for the first time. Please mark your calendars!

Contact Julie Ruvkun at 212-737-7911 or jg2065@Columbia.edu; or Nancy Dolinsky at 212-988-2169 or nancyd@nyc.rr.com if you're interested in helping plan this year's event.

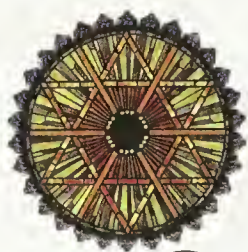
Save the date for

The Prayer and Practice Night of Shabbat Dinners

December 8
following 6:15 pm services

Our 2006 theme of *Prayer and Practice* will culminate with the extraordinary night of congregational Shabbat dinners in the homes of our members. After Shabbat services, host and guest families and singles will sit together to enjoy dinner, conversation, and community.

Watch for your mailbox for an invitation to this special event...and join us on December 9 for a special musical Havdalah followed by our Musicales.



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